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SUBJ: 31ST UNGA - REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON
RESTRUCTURING

1. SUMMARY: SUDAN AND IRAQ ARE PUSHING A DRAFT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (TEXT BELOW). UNLESS ADVISED OTHERWISE, MISSION WILL OPPOSE SUCH ACTION AS PREMATURE. END SUMMARY.

2. MISSION HAS OBTAINED ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS A COPY OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION TRANSMITTED BELOW WHICH CALLS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION TO BE ASSISTED BY TWO DEPUTY DIRECTORS-GENERAL, ONE FOR RESEARCH AND POLICY AND THE OTHER TO SERVE AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. AS DRAFTED, THE RESOLUTION WOULD BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE SECOND COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH AGENDA ITEM 66 (REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UN SYSTEM).

3. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE DRAFT RESOLUTION FOLLOWS
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THE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF THE GROUP OF

EXPERTS ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE UN SYSTEM (E/AC.62/9). THE CIRCULATION OF THE DRAFT AMONG G-77 DELEGATIONS AT THIS TIME REFLECTS A BLITZ BY THE SUDANESE (WHO ARE SEEKING THE POST FOR MANSOOR KHALID) SUPPORTED BY THE IRAQIS, WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO FORCE A POLITICAL DECISION TO ESTABLISH THE POST IRRESPECTIVE OF THE OUTCOME OF THE DELIBERATION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING. SEVERAL G-77 REPRESENTATIVES HAVE PRIVATELY TOLD US THAT THEY CONSIDER THIS PROPOSAL TO BE PREMATURE AND THAT THE MATTER SHOULD FIRST BE CONSIDERED IN THE RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, THEY DO NOT FEEL THAT THEY ARE IN A POSITION TO OPPOSE WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN EMERGING G-77 CONSENSUS TO SUPPORT THIS MOVE AND ARE ALMOST ASKING NON-G-77 DELEGATIONS TO SAVE THE DAY.

4. AS YET, THE G-77 HAS NOT MADE A FINAL DECISION ON THE RESOLUTION. UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT ADVISES OTHERWISE, WE WILL PASS THE WORD THAT THE USG FIRMLY OPPOSES THE RESOLUTION AND WILL URGE OTHERS TO DO SO. WE WILL MAKE IT CLEAR THAT AT THIS TIME OUR OPPOSITION IS NOT NECESSARILY TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL ITSELF BUT THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD BE PREMATURE AND UNACCEPTABLE AT THE PRESENT STAGE OF THE RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE.

QUOTE: BEGIN TEXT

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION - SECOND COMMITTEE - AGENDA ITEM 66(A)

REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RECALLING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS (S.VI) AND 3202 (S.VI) OF 1ST MAY 1974 CONTAINING THE DECLARATION, AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AND RESOLUTION 3281 (XXIX) ON THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES, WHICH LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC

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ORDER.

RECALLING FURTHER GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3343 BY WHICH IT DECIDED TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO APPOINT IMMEDIATELY A GROUP OF HIGH LEVEL EXPERTS TO SUBMIT A STUDY CONTAINING PROPOSALS ON STRUCTURAL CHANGES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM SO AS TO MAKE IT FULLY CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC

CO-OPERATION IN A COMPREHENSIVE MANNER,

CONVINCED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC SYSTEM SHOULD BE RESTRUCTURED ON A URGENT BASIS TO MAKE IT MORE EFFECTIVE IN CARRYING OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLAYING ITS CENTRAL ROLE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER,

FURTHER CONVINCED THAT THE APPLICATION OF AN INTEGRATED INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH, CONCEPUTALLY AND INSTITUTIONALLY IS AN IMPERATIVE FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF EXISTING UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS,

TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON RESTRUCTURING CONTAINED IN E/AC.62/9,

BEARING IN MIND THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS TO ESTABLISH A POST OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION TO FUNCTION AS A FOCAL POINT FOR DYNAMIC CO-ORDINATION AND PROMOTE GREATER UNITY AND EFFECTIVENESS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM,

CONVINCED ALSO THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POST OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL WILL CONSIDERABLY ENHANCE THE CAPABILITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT FOR AN OVERALL CO-ORDINATION POLICY PLANNING AND RESEARCH BY RAISING THE LEVEL OF LEADERSHIP THEREBY PERMITTING THE QUESTION OF DEVELOPMENT TO RECEIVE THE HIGH-LEVEL FULL TIME AND PERMANENT ATTENTION IT MERITS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM,

DECIDES TO ESTABLISH A NEW POST OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION,
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DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, TO BE IN CHARGE OF DIRECTING ALL ACTIVITIES AT PRESENT BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND THE VARIOUS UNITED NATIONS OFFICES AND PROGRAMMES WITH RESPECT TO RESEARCH, POLICY-MAKING SUPPORT, INTER-AGENCY CO-OPERATION AND OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES,

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL WOULD BE ASSISTED IN THIS TASK BY TWO DEPUTY DIRECTORS-GENERAL, ONE FOR RESEARCH AND POLICY AND THE OTHER TO SERVE AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THIS DECISION AND SUBMIT A DETAILED REPORT TO THE THIRTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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